

WASHINGTON'S ADVANCE.

A City That Educates the Nation in Architecture and Road Building.

ITS GROWTH AND ITS IMPROVEMENT—SOME FEATURES OF THE CAPITAL AS THEY STRIKE AN ASTUTE OBSERVER—ITS STREETS, RAILROADS AND ITS OPPORTUNITIES.

George Alfred Townsend in the Boston Globe.

The presidential election being over, the advantages of the climate of Washington city come to be appreciated, even in New York.

No city in the country has as many female friends as Washington. Foreign women or those who have lived abroad like the climate of Washington, both in the winter and in the spring. It has less snow than any of our northern cities, no provincialism and no politics.

Women whose husbands have just been elected to Congress or appointed to office, who expect to come here and exploit their traditions or prejudices, soon find that the town calls for one politics and that is to be a capital.

The city has been favored in the long line of help extended to it from Congress and the different administrations. I believe it has not had one inimical President since Lincoln.

Congress with hesitancy took hold of it, as it was no constituency and mean men in many of the constituencies constantly barked at it. But after Congress wavered the firm hand of Gen. Grant sustained the city, and, subsequently, the government agreed to cease to be a disheveled and ragged place and to pay its proportion of taxes upon such grounds as it owned within the city.

It was not many years ago that the people, hardly 40,000 strong, should pay the taxes for the great government reservations, for lighting them up, for supplying the public buildings with water.

Congress and the District Court. Finally Congress consolidated the District debt and agreed to pay upon it 1 cent a day, or \$5.65 upon \$100 every year. At the time this was a proportionately small interest. Nevertheless, in the lapse of time our great has credit been built up, and among the earliest investors in Washington were the large nations which had seen our prowess in war and our prowess in peace.

The British government bought a lot and put up a large manor, similar to those that had been built in Paris and elsewhere, in order that the nation should have a place where it could be in time of trouble or in time of triumph not its archives scattered by moths.

Upon that neglected acre where the great President's church, and it is the axis of the great new movement in Washington city of the past few years.

The Russian government and the Chinese government have legations upon the same street, the former in the great house which was built by the late President, now called the Russian legation, and the Chinese legation in the old house which was built by the late President, now called the Chinese legation.

All persons familiar with the old and new Washington know that the city would probably have been a much smaller place, had it not been for the entire reform of its system of street grades, sewers, pavements and water front. The engineering art in Washington is not only a science, but it is a profession.

What looked to the old general like a level, easy piece of ground to lay out his streets upon, in reality was a gully, a narrow, and all the streams flowed the wrong way, just as to receive the floods of the Potomac, which annually washed its few sewers out and burst them in many places.

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try. Since the close of the war immense post office buildings have been put up in St. Louis, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and New York, but Washington has been living in third quarters, though it has become a place of 250,000 people, and no place of that population uses the mails more.

A splendid square has been bought and the foundation is prepared for the erection of this post office, an enormous and popular square of Pennsylvania avenue and Whitehall street, two blocks of the great brick power house of the cable railroad, which in itself looks like a public edifice.

These two buildings strike into the heart of the Albanian quarter of Washington, which is long and thin, and they confront Pennsylvania avenue on the one side and the Potomac on the other. They are not merely a tower or dome to look at the heavens, but a department which will do with our entire maritime movement.

We prepare the National Almanac, keep improving our coast survey and do many other functions at Washington city, such as are performed at the observatory at Greenwich in England.

If I correctly remember the meridian of Washington city was not definitely ascertained of John Quincy Adams, say sixty years ago.

In the intermediate time the natural operations of this government in the direction of astronomical observation have been extended, and extended shipping, which runs through the gulf to the isthmus of Panama, up to the great Pacific Ocean, has been extended.

The naval observatory is situated very far from the city, but it is on a high piece of ground, where the building shows strong in the landscape.

THE FAVORITE CITY. It was not many years ago that any of these contrivances would have raised a howl, as it is called, but the education of the country has so much improved, that Washington on many occasions is the favorite city of the country.

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BETIE ADAMS' MURDERER.

Execution of Allen Harrison for the Killing of His Sweetheart.

Allen Harrison was hanged at Huntington, Va., yesterday afternoon for the murder of his sweetheart, Bettie Adams, on April 2 last.

Allen Harrison was a suitor for the hand of Miss Bettie Adams, the pretty sixteen-year-old daughter of a farmer, who lived at Huntington, Va., and who was killed by Harrison on April 2 last.

On the 2nd of April Harrison was arrested on the charge of the murder of Bettie Adams, and was committed to the jail at Huntington.

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A RACE IS PROBABLE.

Prospects for Another International Contest for the America's Cup.

The latest letter of Lord Dunsany to Gen. Charles J. Paine of the New York Yacht Club, with reference to a challenge for the America's cup in an international yacht race, and reply, dated Monday, has been made public.

Lord Dunsany, who is the owner of the yacht "Dunraven," has written to Gen. Paine, dated Monday, 17th inst., in which he has accepted the challenge for the America's cup in an international yacht race.

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